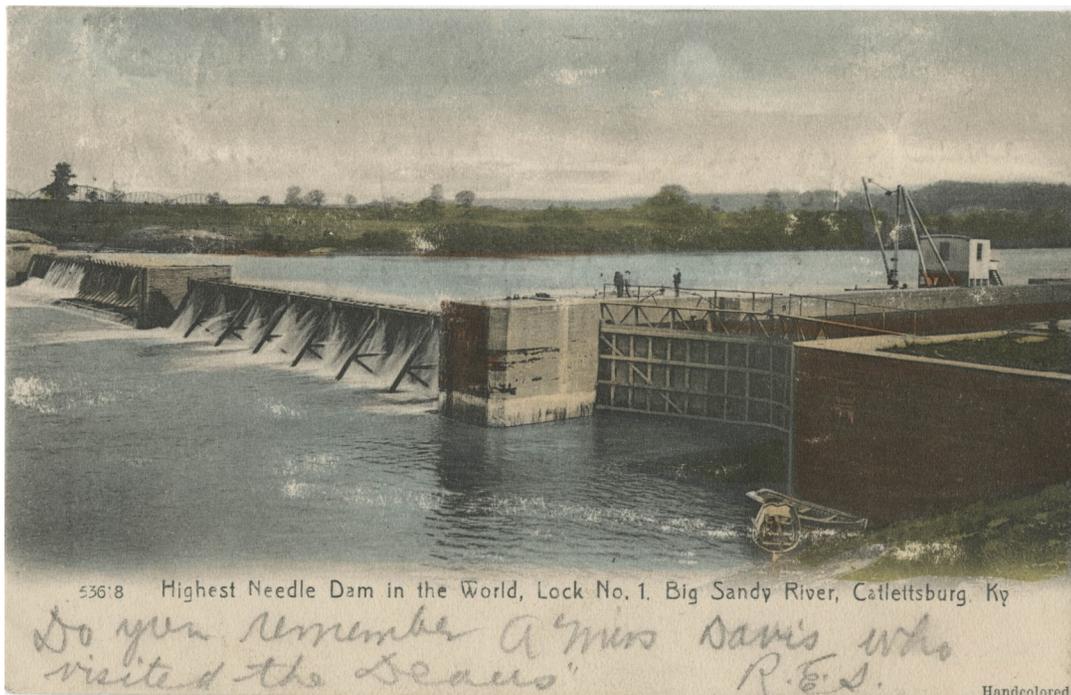


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All that remains of the Big Sandy Lock and Dam #1 are remnants of its wall on the Kentucky side of the river. The dam existed until 1959. Postcard circa 1906. Kentucky Historical Society, Ronald Morgan Kentucky Postcard Collection, Graphic5_Box17_193.

BOYD COUNTY: GROUNDBREAKING DAM SYSTEM

Big Sandy Lock and Dam #1 was the highest needle dam in the world when it was built in 1904. Located where Big Sandy empties into the Ohio River — where Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia meet — it was part of a groundbreaking navigation system of five locks and dams. The system also included the United States' first needle dam (1896).



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